



# HAWK EYE

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## Hilton Park Bowling Club Newsletter

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There are no pennant bowls over the March holiday weekend – but that does not mean that nothing is happening down at Hilton Park. The club has again been chosen to host country week (well, long weekend really) so the club will be a busy place from Friday, March 1, to Monday, March 4.

We want our greens and clubhouse to look their best and volunteers are needed to help the weekend go by without a hitch. Jimmy Jobey has put his hand up to organize the catering and there are plenty of other jobs available around the club over the four days.

So if you are able to lend a hand in the kitchen, or in the bar or around the club generally - even for a few hours over some part of the long weekend – let the club know. The singles competition is on Friday, the pairs on Saturday and the fours on Sunday and Monday.

### Pennant Up-date

This newsletter with the latest pennant details covers the weeks ending February 2, 9, 16 and 23. Four weeks ago, the club's record for the season for our seven teams was 29 wins and 42 losses from a total of 71 games. Now it has improved slightly to 43 wins and 56 losses from 99 games. Our aim over the next few weeks is to try to get that win:loss ratio closer to 50:50.

**Tuesday Ladies:-** The women's team got off to a great start in this block of four fixtures with a stunning 5-1 away win over Spearwood by 59 shots to 58. Liz Mann's rink's 16/31 loss was cancelled out by wins of 23/14 by Sandra Watt and 20/13 by Maria Alberti for a narrow one shot overall win.

The ladies then battled hard in round 13 at home to Cockburn and were in the game for most of the morning but losses by one shot, three shots and five shots saw all six points go to Cockburn.

However, the ladies bounced back with another great win, beating East Fremantle 5-1 away and by the healthy margin of 71 shots to 39. Sandra Watt's rink won 25/9 while Maria Alberti's rink did even better, winning 35/10.

And they completed this block of four games with narrow 3½-2½ home win over Melville although the shots were tied at 52 each. Maria Alberti's rink won 21/13 and Elizabeth Mann's rink won 18/16 but Sandra Watt lost 23/13.

Despite winning three of the last four, the ladies are still stuck in seventh spot on the ladder and have just three games left to try to catch up the nine point gap between them and East Fremantle.

**Thursday Men:-** All three Thursday men's teams had an up and down month with each side winning two games and losing two.

The Division Two side has been involved in some cracking games in recent rounds but still occupies fifth spot on the ladder.

For example round 11 produced a 5-1 loss away to Safety Bay but the match was decided by just one shot – 59/58. Craig Standley's eight shot win was cancelled out by losses in the other two rinks. Then came a home win over Hollywood/Subiaco with a comfortable 10 shot lead.

Round 13 was a 5-1 loss at Fremantle by 57/53 where Robbie Hunter's rink won by two shots only for Gary Dodd to go down by five and Craig Standley by just a single shot, then in round 14 there was a comfortable 6-0 home win over Manning by 74 shots to 56 with Robbie Hunter's rink excelling by 23/12.

Two wins and two losses have seen the Division Four side slide from top spot into second place.

They started the month with a 5-1 home win over Cockburn, then lost by the same score to Claremont. A 5½-½ belting from Fremantle by 74 shots to 42 cost the side top spot but they then got back on track with a tough 4½-1½ away win at Manning. Ian Blanch's rink was the only winner while Richard Young's rink drew to help the team finish ahead by 52 shots to 48.

The same results – two wins and two losses – has kept the Division Five side in seventh spot. They beat Kardinya 5-1 then won in a forfeit over Spearwood only to lose 6-0 to Fremantle at home and 4-2 at Mosman Park. Rinks skippered by Warren Edwards and Tommy James both won but Mike Glynn, in his first start as skip, lost heavily to tip the balance Mosman Park's way by 54 shots to 51.

**Saturday Men:-** Hilton's main team is putting up a great fight to keep its spot in Division One and is still holding eighth spot with a 5:9 win:loss record.

Round 11 was a bit disappointing with a 6½-1½ loss to Rossmoyne by 99 shots to 67 although Daniel Wood's rink did their bit with a 22/14 win and Gary Dodd's rink drew. Then came a great 7-1 win at Mt Pleasant by 95 shots to 70. Robbie Hunter was the only loser on the day – and by just one shot.

Round 13 was one of those rare occasions when Hilton won only one rink but still picked up the four side points to win 5½-2½. Robbie Hunter and Gary Dodd both lost by one shot while Daniel Wood drew – meaning that Craig Standley's eight shot win saw Hilton win overall by 74/68.

In the last of the block of four games, the Division One side lost 7½-½ away to Leeming and by a healthy margin of 94 shots to 58. Craig Standley's rink had a 16/16 draw on a day which brought a couple of heavy defeats.

The Division Three side has been very consistent – losing 7-1 three weeks in a row to confirm its spot at the bottom of the ladder. The 84/70 result away to Kardinya was tighter than it looks as Ian Blanch's rink lost by only one shot and Les Onley's rink by two shots.

Losing 7-1 at home to Leeming by 84 shots to 71 was disappointing with Ian Blanch's nine shot win doing little to restore the balance. And then in round 13 we were belted down at Safety Bay by 110 shots to 56. The fact that Ian Blanch's rink won (again) by six shots couldn't hide the fact the other rinks lost by 17 shots, 17 shots and 26 shots.

It was much closer last week at home to Mosman Park when the side lost 6-2. Vic Philpott's rink won by three shots and Les Onley's rink by two shots but the fixture went Mosman Park's way by 81 shots to 72. The side is stuck on the bottom of the ladder with just two wins from 14 games.

The Division Five side started with 5-1 wins over Bullcreek and East Fremantle. Then a 6-0 away loss at Rossmoyne saw them slip to fourth spot only to jump back to third again with a 6-0 win over Fremantle.

## Hit-making trio

Standley, Turner and Young – what a wonderful pop group. Do you remember all those terrific hits from the 1970 and 80s. What's your favourite song? Mine was ...

Oh, I have obviously forgotten to take my tablets again this morning and my mind has wandered a bit. Sorry!

Craig Standley, Ron Turner and Barney Young were, in fact, the winners of the club's triples competition played on Sunday, February 3. Six teams entered on another hot day and the competition turned out to be just as good as the weather.

After the preliminary rounds, the final turned out to be a scorcher with the Standley, Turner and Young combination recording a one-shot win over Peter Stone, Gary Saint and Shaun Farrell.



## First to 100

There were some great games in the men's 100 Up competition with some clashes going right down to the wire. Talented newcomer Rod Butler knocked out some quality bowlers on the way to the final but he then found the experienced Gary Dodd just a little too good for him on the day.

## Women's winners

The women's club had their pairs competition recently and the winners were the combination of Val Turner and Bobi Ward who defeated Liz Mann and Janice Frater by 18 shots to 16 in a close fought final. Well done, Val and Bobi.



## The scrutineer

We have found the perfect nickname for Nat Butler, wife of respected bowler Rod Butler. Rod was playing in the club triples competition recently when his wife Nat turned up at the club with enough salad rolls to keep him going for days. He needed help from other hungry bowlers to eat them all.

Nat then went above and beyond – walking up and down the green with her husband as the knock-out matches progressed. Fellow bowlers were happy to tolerate that – we are all friends at Hilton after all.

But action had to be taken when, at the end of one close end, Nat was in the middle of the huddle trying to work out who had the shot etc. So that's why Nat is now known as The Scrutineer.

## Wind-Up

Get your diaries out and pencil in Saturday, April 6, as the date for the club's annual wind-up. Come along to enjoy the food and drink and to have a chat with fellow bowlers. It will be a great night.

## Bremer Bay Invitational

Rod Butler, Ian Gray, Pete Stone and Chris McMahon made the trek down to Bremer Bay, staying at Rod Butler's semi permanent shack at one of the Caravan Parks, our boys were well looked after by Rod's wife Nat.

The boys ended up winning half their games and of course the evening was spent with Stoney around the piano at the Club and later around the camp fire.



Leisure time was taken up with some hairy moments four wheel driving over the beautiful "squeaky sand" beaches. Unfortunately no luck catching Herring, much to the amusement of McMahon. Stoney is very much looking forward to returning to this beautiful part of the world.



## Bernie Pickett & the Fish Whisperers CD Launch

It was wonderful to see so many people turn up for Bernie Pickett and the Fish Whisperers CD Launch on Sunday, 17th February 2019. Here are just a few of our Members who stayed for what was an incredible afternoon at the Club. A huge thank you to our amazing Bar Staff and Volunteers for your efforts.



## Gig Guide

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## MARCH 2019

**FRIDAYS from 8.30pm, SUNDAY SESSION from 4.30pm**

- FRI 1/3*     *Pete Stone & the Hiltones*
- FRI 8/3*     *Lez Karski & the Nervous Investors*
- SUN 10/3*     *Hamilton Hillbillies*
- FRI 15/3*     *Paul Daly & the Heavy Hitters*
- FRI 22/3*     *Pete Stone & the Hiltones*
- SUN 24/3*     *Western Suntones*
- FRI 29/3*     *Johnny Law*

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Become a Member today and enjoy bowling, music, good friends and a great atmosphere **SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY \$25**

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